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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINS PROP MILI CGEN LA US
SUBJ: DOD EMPLOYEE ATTEMPTING TRAVEL TO HANOI

REF: STATE 155208

1. AS INSTRUCTED REFTEL EMBASSY OFFICERS SAW CHARLES SEARS AT PEACE HOTEL AT ABOUT 1130 HOURS LOCAL JULY 4 AND INFORMED HIM THAT A) HIS SUPERIORS WERE AWARE OF HIS LOCATION, B) THEY WERE CONCERNED THAT HE BE AWARE OF THE POSSIBLE IMPACT ON HIS SECURITY CLEARANCE OF CONTINUED TRAVEL IN COMMUNIST CONTROLLED AREAS, AND C) THAT HIS SUPERIORS REQUESTED THAT HE NOT CONTINUE HIS PLANNED FLIGHT TO HANOI.

2. SEARS AGREED NOT TO CONTINUE TO HANOI AND SAID HE WOULD BE WILLING TO RETURN TO RANGOON ON HIS ROUND TRIP AEROFLOT TICKET OR TO LEAVE LAOS FOR BANGKOK. FIRST OPTION WOULD PROBABLY BE SIMPLER SINCE IT WOULD ONLY

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REQUIRE US TO GET A BURMESE ENTRY VISA AND LAO AND AEROFLOT ACQUIESCENCE. SECOND OPTION WOULD BE MORE COMPLICATED SINCE IT WOULD REQUIRE LAO EXIT VISA AND THIS COULD BE DIFFICULT. WE PROPOSE TO SOUND OUT FOREIGN MINISTRY AND BURMESE EMBASSY ABOUT LETTING HIM RETURN TO RANGOON BY AEROFLOT OR, IF THIS IS NOT

PRACTICAL ON FIRST AEROFLIGHT FLIGHT, TO ASK FOREIGN
MINISTRY TO PERMIT HIM TO DEPART THROUGH THAILAND.

3. THERE APPEARS TO BE NO DOUBT THAT SEARS IS THE
PERSON DESCRIBED IN REFTTEL. HE IS NERVOUS AND HAS
TURNED OVER TO THE EMBASSY A SEALED ENVELOPE
CONTAINING HIS VARIOUS DEFENSE ID CARDS AND A COMPLETED
SF-171 "APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT",
WHICH NO DOUBT CONTAINS HIS COMPLETE PERSONAL AND
EMPLOYMENT HISTORY.

4. WE HAVE "DELAYED OR PRECLUDED MR. SEARS' ONWARD
TRAVEL TO HANOI" AND WILL DO OUR BEST TO OBTAIN HIS
DEPARTURE FROM LAOS SOONEST. THIS MAY NOT BE EASY.
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